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## **CHP Arrests Fleeing Driver**

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at approximately 10:46 p.m., CHP officers received a call from CHP dispatch that an off-duty San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) officer was holding one subject at gunpoint on the Spencer Avenue off-ramp.

Upon investigation, CHP officers determined the SFPD officer observed a 1996 Kia SUV driving northbound on US-101, displaying objective signs of an intoxicated driver. As the Kia exited US-101 at Spencer Avenue, the SFPD officer, driving an unmarked police vehicle, pulled in behind the Kia and attempted to contact the driver, 43-year-old David Ray Wright of Cotati. The SFPD officer exited his vehicle and identified himself as a peace officer at which time Wright fled the scene on foot towards the city of Sausalito. The SFPD officer held the passenger, 31-year-old Toby Pritchard of Santa Rosa, at gunpoint until officers from the CHP, Marin Sheriff's Office, and Sausalito Police Department arrived on-scene, at which time a search for Wright ensued.

CHP officers on-scene were able to confirm Wrights identity from the SFPD officer through a DMV photo check. At approximately 4:00 a.m., Sausalito Police Department related they had contacted Wright at the Spencer Avenue bus stop. CHP officers contacted Wright and formed the opinion Wright had been driving under the influence prior to fleeing the scene; therefore, officers arrested Wright and booked him into the Marin County Jail for the following charges:

1. 23550 VC – Felony; DUI charge within 10 years of 3 DUI convictions
2. 23152(a) VC – Misdemeanor DUI
3. 23152(a) VC – Misdemeanor DUI with a BAC of .08% or greater
4. 2800 VC – Misdemeanor Evading

The passenger, Toby Pritchard, was cooperative and was released from the scene.